

images Of Us Sports

Providing a Unique, Educational, Cultural, and Athletic Experience for Girls and Women



October 8, 2015

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

We believe that the proposed broadband company New Charter would bring valuable support to nonprofits working to improve STEM education and prepare students for future careers. Our organization, Images of Us (IOU) Sports, works to educate and empower girls through sports. Our programs often integrate with the classroom, and our recent endeavors in STEM education are a great example of teaching tangible workplace skills through sports.

Broadband companies are critical facilitators of technology, and we believe New Charter would be a great partner in our efforts. We recently worked with Time Warner Cable, one of the companies involved in the New Charter merger, and believe the success of that partnership sets a strong foundation for imminent work with New Charter.

Time Warner was integral to our inaugural "STEM in Sports" Academy, providing volunteers to mentor our girls throughout the program. New Charter's other legacy firms, Charter Communications and Bright House Networks, have done similar work in the communities they currently serve, and the public interest statement outlines how together they would commit to underserved communities through a series of diversity and inclusion initiatives. The programs would span hiring, purchasing, programming and community investment, and stand to have an enormous impact on regions across the company's national footprint.

The IOU Sports and STEM Academy is about much more than just fractions and chemical compounds. It offers girls a chance to be with other like-minded girls, be in a safe and nonjudgmental environment, on a college campus or sports venue and to meet people who are turning their curiosity and passion for discovery into successful careers.

We are fully supportive of New Charter and believe the company would bring many benefits to those that we serve. Please consider the merits of the merger and lend your support.

Sincerely,

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